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Approximately 200 Moslem pilgrims who returned to Sinkiang via Kashmir after their Haj to Mecca in 1951 were taken into custody by Chinese Communist troops at the Shahidullah check-post (N 36-25, E 77-58). As they were taken into Sinkiang they were required, in every town through which they passed, to tell the villagers that the pilgrims had not wanted to remain in India because the Turki refugees there were generally neglected by the Government of India and most of them had died from starvation.

25X1 ☐ Comment. ☐ 196 persons returned to Sinkiang  
25X1 from Kashmir between May 1950 and July 1951, and indicated that all had  
25X1 been detained. ☐ the arrested pilgrims had been  
released, with the exception of those executed.

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